

## I. TOPICS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR SENIOR SEMINAR THESES

- History of any battle, series of battles, or activities of any military unit/s in a battle or battles; e.g. Custer at Little Big Horn, D-Day, Pearl Harbor, the Iron Brigade.
- Any “big” historical event; e.g. the Black Hawk War, Civil War, Vietnam War, World Wars I or II, Kennedy assassination, etc.
- History of any illegal activity; e.g. prohibition, underground railway, etc. for which there are no primary sources.
- History of any foreign event or ethnic group in which sources are in a foreign language *unless* you can read that language.
- History of native or non-native peoples before the production of written records.
- Histories of major international or national corporate entities; e.g. baseball or other sports leagues, U.S. Congress, Exxon Corporation.

## II. CURRENT MORATORIUM

The following topics (or topics directly or indirectly related to them) have been placed on the moratorium list. This means that until further notice topics on them will not be accepted.

- McCarthyism
- Father Groppi and/or race relations in Milwaukee
- Media and the Vietnam War

## III. RECENT TOPICS THAT HAVE ‘WORKED’

- Anglo-American conflicts over mid-east oil, 1918-1939
- The Indian take-over of the Gresham novitiate
- Rural poverty in Wisconsin during the 1960s
- The McCaffary Case and the abolition of the death penalty in Wisconsin, 1850-3
- *In re Booth*: The Fugitive Slave Act in Wisconsin
- Attempts to reform the law of eminent domain in Wisconsin in the 1960s and 1970s
- Anglo-American policies at the Washington Naval Disarmament Conference, 1922

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- All topics must concern events that have taken place *before 1980*.
- All topics must be based (ca. 90%) on primary sources. What are primary sources?: Newspapers, government documents and reports, diaries, letters, autobiographies, police records, law cases, legislative debates, pamphlets, minutes of meetings, and much, much more. I encourage, but do not require, you to use material from the State Historical Society Archives or other local libraries and archives.
- All topics must be located within the context of the appropriate secondary literature.
- All papers must be fully annotated according to Turabian standards.